

Editorial Comments.

A law prohibiting the sale of snuff in South Dakota has been declared constitutional.

Congressman J. M. Curley, Democrat, was elected Mayor of Boston Tuesday, by 6000 votes.

The Synod of the Protestant Church in Switzerland has voted to license women as pastors and one has already been so licensed.

Near Madison, Wis., a cake of ice broke loose with 24 children on it and floated out into the middle of lake Monona. They were finally rescued.

Rev. R. B. Wickman, of Renaissance, Ind., whose wife died Dec. 2, married Jan. 1 and has been asked to resign as pastor of the First Christian Church.

Grave fears are felt for the Royal mail steamer Cobequid, reported fast on the ledges of Grand Manan, just before dawn. There were 120 persons on board.

On arrival at Kugoshima, where the volcano Sukura-Jima is in eruption, the Japanese warships reported that about 100 persons had perished and that the population of the city had fled to safety.

A resolution inviting Miss Laura Clay and Mrs. Desha Breckinridge to address the General Assembly on female suffrage was defeated in the House 55 to 33. Mr. Duffy voted with the losing side.

The "twelve worst boys in the United States" are being taken to a reformatory in Nevada to be reformed along special lines, on a ranch near Reno. They range from 13 to 15 and were selected from 9000 bad boys in 12 States. There are 7 Americans, 3 Hungarians, one Jew and one Italian. Only mild methods are to be used.

Representative John C. Duffy gets a place on the leading committee, that on Rules, which is made up as follows: Elwood Hamilton, John F. White, J. N. McCormack, Matt S. Walton, John C. Duffy, J. Guthrie Coke, John E. Newman, Glover C. Cary, John G. Miller, Jr., William C. Duffy, Claude B. Turrell, chairman.

A plan is on foot to build a "Boone way" from Bristol to Lexington. From Bristol, Va., to Cumberland Gap, 95 miles, all but 20 miles has been built of macadam, also three miles from the Gap to Middlesboro. There is a stretch of 98 miles to build from Middlesboro to Crab Orchard, where the Bluegrass system of turnpikes would be reached and extend to Lexington.

Hon. John C. Duffy introduced six bills Tuesday in the House, as follows: Creating text book commission, changing time of circuit court in Third District, to abolish fellow-servant rule of law, to require state officials to itemize statements of traveling expenses, defining methods of paying appropriations to various State Institutions, providing for conveyance of prisoners to penitentiary and House of Reform. In all 99 bills were introduced in the House and 19 in the Senate. Senator Salmon introduced one requiring employers of five or more persons to pay wages at least twice a month.

Cone Wedding For Sunday.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Odie Young and Miss Annie Grace, of the Red Hill neighborhood, and Charles R. Petty and Miss Ella Hankins, who reside a few miles East of the city. The marriage of the first mentioned couple will be solemnized at the bride's home Sunday.

Victim of Heart Disease.

William Mansfield, a patient at the Western State Hospital from McCracken county, died Tuesday of heart trouble, aged sixty-three years. He was received here fifteen days ago. Mansfield was born in Tennessee. The body was shipped to Kevil yesterday.

WEDDED IN GEORGIA

Mr. Thos. P. Johnson and Mrs. Annie Kyzer United In Marriage.

EAR NOW AT PALM BEACH.

Wedding Occurred At The Home of the Brides Daughter, Mrs. H. E. Johnson.

The Atlanta, Ga. Journal of Monday Jan. 12 contains the following notice of a prominent local couple.

KYZER-JOHNSON

"The marriage of Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Kyzer and Mr. Thomas Pleasant Johnson, both of Hopkinsville, Ky., was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edgar Johnson in East Point Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

An improvised altar of palms and ferns was arranged in the reception hall, where the ring ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. Dr. Hugh K. Walker, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The bride was gowned in a coat suit of blue brocade worn with a shadow lace blouse. Her hat was blue velvet, trimmed with a bird of paradise, and she wore a corsage bouquet of bride roses and valley lilies. The little ring bearer, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, presented the golden circlet in the heart of a rose. She was gowned in a dainty lingerie frock over pink silk.

The bride and bridegroom with a few friends and relatives were entertained at 6 o'clock dinner at the Ansley.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left during the evening for Palm Beach, where they will spend the remainder of the winter."

Mr. Johnson is one of the leading land owners of this county and his bride is wealthy and prominent and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beazley, of this city.

BRITISH SORROW

Expressed Over the Death Of Dr. J. N. Prestridge.

The following resolution was adopted recently by the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland:

"The council of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland desire to place on record the deep sorrow felt on account of the decease of Rev. Dr. J. N. Prestridge. In his departure they feel that they have lost not only a personal friend but one who by his high character, attractive personality and eminent ability has rendered the highest service to the world and also for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

"They recall the enthusiasm and labor which he devoted to the foundation of the Baptist World Alliance and the sweetness and serenity and unflinching courtesy with which he took his share in the leadership of the Alliance, both in London and Philadelphia."

L. & N. Ticket Agt. Resigns.

Mr. W. A. Owen, the popular Ticket Agent for the L. & N. R. R. Co., has resigned his position here to accept a more lucrative position as storekeeper-gauger in the Internal Revenue Service for the Government at Owensboro, Ky. His host of friends here wish him abundant success in his new field, but regret exceedingly to lose him. Mr. Owen has been succeeded here by Mr. Stanley Woosley, former operator at Latham, Ky.

The Deadly Auto.

In New York City last year 802 people were killed by automobiles.

HAND OF GRIM DEATH

Laid Upon One of Christian County's Most Lovable Girls.

MISS HELEN C. BAKER.

Died at Newstead Tuesday and Laid To Rest Yesterday.

Miss Helen Claire Baker, daughter of Mrs. Mollie Baker and the late P. W. Baker, died at her home near Newstead, Tuesday morning, of a complication of diseases, from which she had been an invalid for five months. Miss Baker was 24 years old and was educated at Bethel Female College. She was a young lady of unusual beauty and sweetness of disposition, universally esteemed for her many graces and lovable traits of character.

Her mother, two sisters and three brothers survive her. Funeral services were held yesterday at the family residence, by her pastor, H. E. Gabby, of South Union Baptist church, of which she was a member. The interment was in Riverside cemetery.

STANDING COMMITTEES

For 1914 of the Hopkinsville Business Men's Association.

Finance—M. C. Forbes, chairman; Dr. T. W. Blakey, Sam Frankel, F. K. Yost, Geo. D. Dalton, Nat Gaither, W. T. Tandy.

Membership—H. M. Frankel, chairman; Richard Leavell, Odie Davis, V. L. Gates, W. H. Forbes, T. L. Metcalfe, Hunter Wood, Jr., Paul Winn, E. Tanner, S. Sacks, T. W. Long.

Information and Statistics—D. D. Cayce, chairman; J. E. McPherson, A. D. Noe, Sr., Ira L. Smith, J. R. Embry, Fred Jackson, H. A. Robinson, D. W. Kitchen, I. Robe, borough.

Roads and Highways—J. C. Johnson, chairman; J. T. Wall, J. Walter Knight, Jewell Smith, T. J. McReynolds, J. C. Duffy, Ira D. Smith.

Transportation and Freight—George Gary, chairman; J. J. Metcalfe, A. H. Eckles, W. R. Wheeler, W. A. Chambers, Jno. F. Bible, J. C. Hooe, Geo. Crenshaw.

Mercantile and Manufacturing—Geo. D. Dalton, chairman; Henry M. Frankel, W. M. Hancock, Wm. Kimmons, J. M. Neblett, F. K. Yost, J. T. Thomas.

Entertainment—F. K. Yost, chairman; T. L. Metcalfe, J. L. Shrode, C. R. Clark, A. W. Wood, W. N. Smotherman, L. L. Elgin, H. L. Lebkuecher.

Building and Location—Jno. H. Bell, chairman; Odie Davis, M. E. Bacon, L. M. Greany, D. D. Cayce, O. G. Sprouse, J. H. Skarry.

Auditing—W. R. Wheeler, chairman; J. T. Wall, Paul Winn, A. H. Eckles, J. M. Forbes.

Legislative—George E. Gary, chairman; R. E. Cooper, Frank Rives, Jno. F. Bible, A. H. Eckles, C. O. Wright, Geo. D. Dalton, M. L. Elb, Joutett Henry, H. A. Keach, Garner E. Dalton, W. M. Hancock, W. T. Tandy, M. C. Forbes, S. L. Cowherd, W. A. Wilgus, Chas. M. Meacham, T. C. Underwood.

Publicity and Promotion—J. M. Neblett, chairman; Hunter Wood, Sr., C. M. Meacham, M. E. Boyd, L. B. Cornett, V. M. Williamson, J. K. Hooser, T. C. Underwood, B. O. McReynolds, O. G. Sprouse.

Electric Light and Power Co.—J. D. McGowan, chairman; J. M. Neb-

DEPOSIT OF ASPHALTUM

Bored Into Within Three Miles of Hopkinsville and is Fine Specimen.

ON THE BRADSHAW PIKE.

Lucky Find on Small Place, the Property of David Scruggs.

While boring a well on his place, three miles Southeast of town on the Bradshaw pike, last week, David Scruggs, at a depth of 44 feet, bored into a thick vein of what seems to be asphalt or bitumen. The vein is 3 feet thick and the well is being bored on below it. Mr. Scruggs brought a sample of the asphalt to town, which may be seen in this office. A specimen was turned over to Geoffrey Morgan, who has sent it to Lexington for analysis. The asphalt looks like the crude product used in the bitulithic street construction, burns with a smoky flame and sticks like tar. If it is genuine mineral asphalt and the deposit is large enough to be taken out for commercial purposes, Mr. Scruggs has made a valuable find. The product is used in street building, for roofing and for many other purposes.

INTERESTING MEETING

Held By The Academy of Medicine Monday Night.

The meeting of the Academy of Medicine, the new organization of the city physicians, was one of the largest in attendance since the organization was effected. The meeting was held in the office of Dr. J. W. Harned.

The main feature was a paper by Dr. Harned and his subject was "Gunshot Wounds and Their Treatment." The paper was an able one and was greatly enjoyed by all present. The subject was thoroughly discussed and many important points were brought out.

The society is proving highly beneficial to the members, both socially and scientifically.

Census of City.

The Rex Theatre, under the superintendency of Mr. Shrode, has a number of young ladies at work taking a census of the city. This is a good work and the citizens should assist them as best they can. What The Rex people have in view does not matter. "There's a reason," and the people know that The Rex will not do anything that is not to the interest of the people. Hopkinsville's population is increasing so fast that it is time for another census.

Many important questions concerning the city will be asked, and when the reports of the young ladies are published there'll be some interesting reading matter for everybody.

Nordica About to Die.

Mme. Lillian Nordica, the noted opera singer, is critically ill with pneumonia on Thursday Island, Queensland.

lett, D. D. Cayce, Sam Frankel, Geo. D. Dalton, Ferd Schmitt, A. D. Noe, Jr., R. A. Fields, A. H. Averitt.

Insurance—E. H. Hester, chairman; C. O. Wright, H. D. Wallace, T. L. McReynolds, Garner Dalton, T. J. Baugh, A. L. Choate, J. J. Claiborne.

City Health—J. J. Metcalfe, chairman; F. P. Thomas, J. E. Stone, Austin Bell, T. W. Blakey, Bailey Russell, F. K. Yost, T. W. Perkins, F. M. Stites, J. B. Jackson, Paul J. Keith.

LIBRARY CASE UPHELD

Peace Park Can Only Be Used For Park Purposes.

DOES NOT AFFECT WORK

Carnegie Library Now Being Erected on a Lot Purchased by the City.

The court of appeals Tuesday sustained Circuit Judge Hanbery in his decision that the city of Hopkinsville could not use a part of Peace Park, bequeathed to Hopkinsville by John C. Latham, as a site for a Carnegie library. The plan was abandoned last fall and the library is being erected on another lot purchased by the city.

PRAYER SERVICE.

National Constitutional Prohibition Amendment January 15, 1914.

Hon. Richmond Pearson Hobson has introduced into the House of Representatives a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union has called for a World Day of Prayer to-day, for the cause of National Prohibition in America; it is called National Constitutional Prohibition Amendment Day, and it is to be observed by white-ribboners everywhere as a day of fasting and prayer for victory in this campaign. The local W. C. T. U. has arranged to observe the day and will carry out the very interesting program prepared by the National. They will be assisted by the ministers of the city, some of the business men, and a number of women. The musical program directed by Mrs. H. H. Perkins and Mrs. L. E. Foster will be excellent.

The meetings will be held at the Christian church in the morning from 10 to 12 o'clock, and in the afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. Everybody who is interested in the cause of temperance and prohibition is cordially invited and urged to attend these meetings, to participate in the exercises, and to pray earnestly for the success of the cause. The men are especially asked to come; if it is impossible to be present during the whole meeting, drop in for a few minutes at any time and lend your support and encouragement to the movement.

The young people and children are asked to come to the afternoon service which will close with a Young People's and Children's Rally between 3:30 and 4 o'clock.

50 WAGONS

Line Up Near Imperial Factory To Be Unloaded.

If there are those who think the Imperial Co. is not in market, they are mightily mistaken. One morning this week not less than fifty wagons were lined up on North Clay street, the owners waiting their turn to drive to the delivery doors to be unloaded. The counting was done at 10 o'clock and how many had been unloaded before that hour cannot be told, or how many got into line afterwards. But one thing is certain, the Imperial is "in it," and in earnest.

Output Increased.

Kentucky's output of petroleum in 1913 was 500,000 barrels, or 15,632 more than in 1912.

Plain Facts And Figures

Mr. Editor:

I desire to make a personal avowal. I am an adherent and admirer of Herman Southall. I will vote for him over any man of my acquaintance for city attorney. I am more proud of his achievements than I can express, especially since the higher courts have upheld him in his contentions. The city Judge has certainly made good, and has made to me one of the most acceptable officials the city has ever had. But the interest of the city financially is the question I am trying to get before the citizens. Now "plain facts" may be plain to some but plain figures as they appeared in the New Era Tuesday are the worst I have ever seen. If I ever saw as many errors in as few figures I don't know when it was.

1st. The fees and salary for 1910 are not added correctly.

2nd. The year 1911 is given twice in the table.

3rd. The salaries and fees according to that table do not make a total of \$6244.13.

4th. The Judge's salary for neither 1911 nor 1913 was \$360.

5th. The average according to the figures was not \$1558.54 but was \$1491.64, so plain figures are anything but plain to me.

Why make this average for four years? Why not five or ten years? I will give you the correct figures for five years and you can go further back knowing the average will be reduced each year.

	salary	fees	total
1909	\$400	\$802.25	\$1202.25
1910	400	1256.75	1656.75
1911	400	1149.51	1549.51
1912	400	1142.50	1542.50
1913	400	973.20	1373.20
Average			7324.21
			1461.84

In 1910 and 1911 \$117 was back fees paid to the former Judge after his term expired and not to Judge Wood.

I am much obliged for permission to examine the books, but that is just what I don't want to do in person.

The four banks of this city make sworn statements several times every year and yet these statements do not keep the government from sending a special examiner to look into their records several times each year. M. C. Forbes has all his books examined and audited by special examiners, J. H. Anderson & Co. do the same. The Ky. Public Service Co. does the same and I expect other corporations do the same thing.

Now I want to give you some plain facts and figures. Look at this table.

City	Pop.	Sal. pd. City	Judge, no fees nor com.
Owensboro	16,011	\$1,000.00	
Henderson	11,452	800.00	
Bowling Gr'n	9,173	750.00	
Hopkinsville	9,419	1500.00	

It seems to me that the increase in salaries is not justified, and while I had persistently declined to sign a petition for Commission form of Government after the increase I soon found a petition and signed it. Now let's save some of our money to pay commissioners. While I believe we have the best city in the state and good officers, I believe we should retrench and save something for another time.

H. H. ABERNATHY.

DR. THOMPSON

Conducting a Ten Days Revival At Princeton.

Dr. Calvin M. Thompson left Monday for Princeton to preach a series of sermons at the Baptist Church. He will be absent from the city about ten days, but the usual services at his church will be held while he is away.

Will Wed January 25.

A marriage license was issued Tuesday for the marriage of Mr. Max Waldman and Miss Yettie Pascol, both of this city. The wedding will occur Sunday, Jan. 25, at the home of the bride, Fifth street.